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E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR CG ML

SUBJECT: BORDER ATTACK ON ZAIRE: MALIAN REACTION

REF: STATE 056060

1. DCM QUERIED MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR  
GENERAL HALIDOU TOURE AT SOCIAL FUNCTION MARCH 14  
REGARDING SITUATION IN ZAIRE. TOURE SAID SITUATION  
WAS CONFUSED, BUT THAT HE HAD HEARD ATTACKS HAD BEEN CARRIED  
OUT BY ELEMENTS OF ZAIRIAN ARMY ON BORDER VILLAGES.  
DCM ASKED IF HE MEANT FORMER GENDARMES FROM KATANGA.  
TOURE SAID NO, ATTACKING FORCE WAS COMPOSED OF ELEMENTS  
OF ZAIRE'S REGULAR ARMY WHICH HAD "DISAPPEARED" DURING  
ANGOLIAN AFFAIRS. THEY WERE ONLY "BANDITS" NOW, SAID  
TOURE. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING AMERICANS KNEW MORE  
THAN ANYBODY ELSE ABOUT SITUATION THERE BECAUSE OF A  
U.S. CONSULATE IN VICINITY.

2. COMMENT: TOURE TAKES A DOCTRINAIRE MARXIST  
VIEW OF MOST WORLD EVENTS. A FOREMER AMBASSADOR  
IN BRAZZAVILLE, HE IS A SUPPORTER OF NETO AND HOLDS  
MOBUTU AND ROBERTO IN DISDAIN. MORE MODERATE MALIAN  
REACTION WOULD PROBABLY BE TO SAY SIMPLY THAT SITUATION  
WAS CONFUSED AND IT WOULD TAKE TIME TO OBTAIN FACTS.

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